

1-1 By: Eltife S.B. No. 691
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 20, 2013; February 25, 2013,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;
1-4 April 22, 2013, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; April 22, 2013,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	Seliger	X		
1-10	Watson	X		
1-11	Birdwell	X		
1-12	Duncan	X		
1-13	Patrick	X		
1-14	West	X		
1-15	Zaffirini	X		

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 691 By: Birdwell

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the intercollegiate athletics fee at Texas A&M
1-20 University--Texarkana; authorizing a fee.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 54, Education Code, is
1-23 amended by adding Section 54.53975 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 54.53975. INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS FEES; TEXAS A&M
1-25 UNIVERSITY--TEXARKANA. (a) The board of regents of The Texas A&M
1-26 University System may impose on each student enrolled at Texas A&M
1-27 University--Texarkana an intercollegiate athletics fee in an
1-28 amount not to exceed \$9 per semester credit hour for each regular
1-29 semester or summer session unless the amount of the fee is increased
1-30 as provided by Subsection (c).

1-31 (b) The fee may not be imposed unless approved by a majority
1-32 vote of the students of the university who participate in a general
1-33 student election held for that purpose.

1-34 (c) The amount of the fee per semester credit hour may be
1-35 increased from one academic year to the next only if approved by a
1-36 majority vote of the students participating in a general student
1-37 election held for that purpose or, if the amount of the increase
1-38 does not exceed five percent, by a majority vote of the legislative
1-39 body of the student government of the university.

1-40 (d) A student enrolled in more than 12 semester credit hours
1-41 shall pay the fee in an amount equal to the amount imposed on a
1-42 student enrolled in 12 semester credit hours during the same
1-43 semester or session.

1-44 (e) A fee imposed under this section may be used to develop
1-45 and maintain an intercollegiate athletics program at the
1-46 university.

1-47 (f) A fee imposed under this section is in addition to any
1-48 other fee authorized by law and may not be considered in determining
1-49 the amount of student services fees that may be imposed under
1-50 Section 54.503.

1-51 (g) The fee may not be charged after the fifth academic year
1-52 in which the fee is first charged unless, before the end of that
1-53 academic year, the university has issued bonds payable in whole or
1-54 in part from the fee, in which event the fee may not be charged after
1-55 the academic year in which all such bonds, including refunding
1-56 bonds for those bonds, have been fully paid.

1-57 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2013 fall
1-58 semester.

1-59 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-60 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

2-1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-3 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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